



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable Richard Ichord, Chairman  
Committee on Internal Security  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of January 2, 1973, concerning the recommendations contained in Chapter V of <sup>the</sup> report of your Committee entitled, "The Federal Civilian Employee Loyalty Program."

*Director of Central Intelligence*  
In connection with my responsibilities <sup>for</sup> in the intelligence community as pertaining to the security of intelligence material and the protection of intelligence sources and methods, I am advised and assisted by the United States Intelligence Board, which I chair and which is composed of representatives of several departments and agencies. I am requesting that the Board make a thorough evaluation of your Committee's recommendations in order to determine their applicability to the intelligence community. After I have reviewed the Board's findings, I will be glad to give you my comments.

Insofar as your Committee's recommendations concern ~~the security programs of~~ the Central Intelligence Agency, ~~there are~~ certain statutory provisions which are particularly relevant. The National Security Act of 1947 and the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 impose a specific security responsibility on the Director of Central Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. These Acts also provide the Director with the authority necessary to carry out this responsibility in the Agency with respect to the investigation, hiring, and termination of personnel.

Since all positions in this Agency <sup>can</sup> ~~may~~ involve exposure <sup>to</sup> to the most sensitive information concerning the national security, we do not believe differentiations between the degrees of sensitivity of positions, as suggested in your report, are applicable to this Agency. *ref to our*

The remaining recommendations concern the integrity and efficiency of Executive agencies generally. I believe these objectives can be best accomplished by this Agency if our security and loyalty programs continue to function in conformance with existing provisions of law.

Sincerely,

James R. Schlesinger  
Director

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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FROM: John M. Maury Legislative Counsel 7D35			EXTENSION  6121	NO. OLC 73-0014  DATE 21 February 1973
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1. Mr. Colby STATINTL	2/22			<p>Attached for the Director's signature is a reply to Chairman Ichord, House Internal Security Committee, concerning Federal employee loyalty and security programs.</p> <p>The reply has been expanded to cover the Director's intelligence community responsibilities and has been coordinated with the DD/S, General Counsel, and USIB Executive Secretary.</p> <p>Subject to the Director's approval, copies of the correspondence and the Committee report will be sent to the USIB Executive Secretary who will task the USIB Security Committee.</p> <div style="background-color: black; height: 40px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">John M. Maury Legislative Counsel</p>
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